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(57) Abstract

The sequences of extended cDNAs encoding secreted proteins are disclosed. The extended cDNAs can be used to express secreted proteins or portions thereof or to obtain antibodies capable of specifically binding to the secreted proteins. The extended cDNAs may also be used in diagnostic, forensic, gene therapy, and chromosome mapping procedures. The extended cDNAs may also be used to design expression vectors and secretion vectors.

In some embodiments, the extended cDNAs include the signal sequence. In other embodiments, the extended cDNAs may include the full coding sequence for the mature protein (i.e. the protein generated when the signal polypeptide is cleaved off). In addition, the extended cDNAs may include regulatory regions upstream of the translation start site or downstream of the stop codon which control the amount, location, or developmental stage of gene expression. As discussed above, secreted proteins are therapeutically important. Thus, the proteins expressed from the cDNAs may be useful in treating or controlling a variety of human conditions. The extended cDNAs may also be used to obtain the corresponding genomic DNA. The term "corresponding genomic DNA" refers to the genomic DNA which encodes mRNA which includes the sequence of one of the strands of the extended cDNA in which thymidine residues in the sequence of the extended cDNA are replaced by uracil residues in the mRNA.

The extended cDNAs or genomic DNAs obtained therefrom may be used in forensic procedures to identify individuals or in diagnostic procedures to identify individuals having genetic diseases resulting from abnormal expression of the genes corresponding to the extended cDNAs. In addition, the present invention is useful for constructing a high resolution map of the human chromosomes.

The present invention also relates to secretion vectors capable of directing the secretion of a protein of
interest. Such vectors may be used in gene therapy strategies in which it is desired to produce a gene product in one cell
which is to be delivered to another location in the body. Secretion vectors may also facilitate the purification of desired
proteins.

The present invention also relates to expression vectors capable of directing the expression of an inserted gene in a desired spatial or temporal manner or at a desired level. Such vectors may include sequences upstream of the extended cDNAs such as promoters or upstream regulatory sequences.

In addition, the present invention may also be used for gene therapy to control or treat genetic diseases. Signal peptides may also be fused to heterologous proteins to direct their extracellular secretion.

One embodiment of the present invention is a purified or isolated nucleic acid comprising the sequence of one of SEO ID NOs: 40-140 and 242-377 or a sequence complementary thereto. In one aspect of this embodiment, the nucleic acid is recombinant.

Another embodiment of the present invention is a purified or isolated nucleic acid comprising at least 10 consecutive bases of the sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs: 40-140 and 242-377 or one of the sequences complementary thereto. In one aspect of this embodiment, the nucleic acid comprises at least 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75, or 100 consecutive bases of one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 40-140 and 242-377 or one of the sequences complementary thereto. The nucleic acid may be a recombinant nucleic acid.

Another embodiment of the present invention is a purified or isolated nucleic acid of at least 15 bases capable of hybridizing under stringent conditions to the sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs: 40-140 and 242-377 or a sequence complementary to one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 40-140 and 242-377. In one aspect of this embodiment, the nucleic acid is recombinant.